

ROBERT A. PECK

Robert A. Peck was appointed Commissioner of the Public Buildings Service of the U.S. General Services Administration on December 26, 1995. The position dates in a direct line to the establishment of a Federal Office of Construction in 1853. As head of the Public Buildings Service, Bob Peck is in charge of asset management and design, construction, leasing, building operations, security and disposals for a real estate portfolio of more than 330 million square feet in more than 8,300 public and private buildings accommodating over one million workers. PBS owns or leases nearly all civilian Federal office space, courthouses and border stations and many laboratories and storage facilities. The PBS annual budget is approximately \$5.5 billion, nearly 90% of which is contracted to the private sector.

Mr. Peck has been a land use and real estate lawyer, real estate investment executive and vice president for government and public affairs at the American Institute of Architects.

In prior public service, Mr. Peck has worked at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Carter White House and the Federal Communications Commission. He was chief of staff to U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) and a counsel to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (where among his other duties was oversight of the Public Buildings Service). He was also a Special Forces (Green Beret) officer in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Mr. Peck received his B.A., cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with distinction in economics, from the University of Pennsylvania in 1969 and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1972. He has been a visiting lecturer in art history at Yale University and a visiting Loeb Fellow at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. In 1997, he was named an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects and in 2000 received a Corporate Real Estate Leadership award from Site Selection, the magazine of the International Development Research Council.

Bob Peck has been active in historic preservation and urban design, serving as president of the D.C. Preservation League and as a presidential appointee on the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, the Federal design review board for the nation's capital. He has written and spoken extensively on preservation, urban planning, infrastructure investment and transportation. He is a member of the Board of Regents of the American Architectural Foundation and serves on the national advisory board of the Mayors Institute on City Design.●

#### GENERAL SCHOOMAKER

● Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, it is a privilege for me to join the Secretary of Defense in recognizing General Peter Schoomaker, a man whose lifetime of service commemorates the very spirit on which our great country was founded. General Schoomaker's distinguished military career will draw to a close on October 27, 2000, when he steps down from his position as Commander in Chief of the United States Special Operations Command.

General Schoomaker has always demonstrated a commitment to excellence and service. Since being commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1969, upon graduation from the University of Wyoming, his commitment to serve has provided him with the foundation of a

lifetime of success. He has served at all levels in conventional and special operations and participated in numerous contingency operations, ranging from Desert One in Iran through Uphold Democracy in Haiti. He currently shoulders the responsibility for all special operations of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, both active and reserve.

Clearly, General Schoomaker has been a pivotal and talented player on the national security stage, but his measure as a man goes beyond the profession at which he excels. General Schoomaker's quest for excellence began early when he was a defensive lineman for the University of Wyoming football team which won the 1967 Sugar Bowl. These memories rank high on his list of notable achievements, primarily because of the teamwork it took to succeed. Fostering a spirit of teamwork continues to be the guiding force in General Schoomaker's leadership philosophy, and his enduring legacy for the service epitomizes the concepts he learned long ago on the gridiron.

Mr. President, the people of Wyoming have been blessed with a long list of servicemen and women who are willing to put the needs of other in front of their own. Today, I have the opportunity to celebrate an adopted son of my home state, General Peter Schoomaker, a man who embodies the qualities of determination, self-sacrifice, and leadership.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DEBORAH V.H. COOK AND PATRICIA BUEKAMA

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Ms. Deborah V.H. Cook and Ms. Patricia Buekema for their 25 years of service to the Glen Ridge School System.

For the past 25 years, these outstanding educators have taught many grade levels and a countless number of students have benefitted from their instruction. As members of the Glen Ridge community, Ms. Cook and Ms. Buekema have demonstrated an extraordinarily high level of commitment and selflessness to which we should all strive to achieve.

However, the impact of their service reaches far beyond the classroom. Both Ms. Cook and Ms. Buekema have dedicated themselves to creating a supportive and productive environment for the youth of Glen Ridge. They have helped to shape the minds and encourage the spirit of these young individuals during a crucial stage of development in their lives.

Ms. Cook's and Ms. Buekema's accomplishments, throughout their years of service, reflect only a small portion of the many contributions they have made to the people of Glen Ridge. Their efforts have touched the lives of their students as well as those throughout their community.

They are an example of the professionalism that we look for in our educators, and the type of citizens that we hope to find in our neighborhoods,

which is why their dedication is to be recognized and commended.●

#### HONORING OF PHYLLIS E. THOMPSON

● Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a remarkable Nevadan, Phyllis Thompson. Phyllis has been a resident of Henderson, Nevada since 1951. On November 1, 2000, she will be receiving the Philanthropy Day Award from St. Rose Dominican Hospital. The Philanthropy Day Award honors individuals who embody volunteerism and have made significant civic and charitable contributions. There is no one more deserving of this honor than Phyllis Thompson.

Phyllis Thompson is a talented and tenacious businesswoman. She entered the construction business in the early 1970s, an all-male field at the time. She and her husband Charles started Basic Ready Mix with one truck, and she had to work nights as a waitress to make ends meet. Eventually, she was able to expand the business to 175 trucks. She sold the company in 1991, but she could not stay retired for long. In 1996, she founded Phyllis E. Thompson Companies, a commercial real estate firm, which she has built into an unequivocal success.

Not only has Phyllis Thompson accomplished a great deal in the business world, but she has also enjoyed success as a sportsman. She has been hunting trophy deer for twenty years and is a professional off-road racer. In 1997, she won the Nevada Prim 250, a 250 mile off-road race.

Throughout her extraordinary life, Phyllis Thompson's true devotion has been to family. She is the proud mother of two children, Lonny and Terri, and has been blessed with six grandchildren. In addition, her charitable work has been focused on helping families. St. Rose Dominican Hospital, the Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Clubs of Henderson, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Safe House, and Child Seekers are among the many organizations to which she has given so much. In fact, she was recognized in 1999 as Board Member of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Henderson.

Philanthropy Day, established in 1986, is observed every November to recognize the importance of philanthropy in our communities. It is a time to acknowledge the entire spectrum of services provided by the non-profit community, and recognize the profound effect that volunteerism and giving have on the fabric of society.

Phyllis Thompson embodies the spirit of Philanthropy Day. She has shared her success and good fortune through volunteerism and philanthropy. She sets a wonderful example for all of our citizens, selflessly giving of her time, talent and financial means to help others make the most of their lives. I thank her for their friendship and all that she has done for the citizens of Nevada.●